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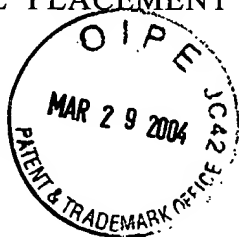
Applicant: Kiran Ganesh et al.

Title: 2-DIMENSIONAL PLACEMENT WITH RELIABILITY CONSTRAINTS FOR VLSI DESIGN

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- ☒ A return postcard.
- ☒ An Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.111 (10 Pages).
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.)
- ☒ Authorization to charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the Extension of Time Fee.

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 26 | - | 31 | 0 | x 18.00 = | \$0.00 |
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